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Note by the Secretariat*

1. By paragraph 4 of its resolution 58/263 of 23 December 2003, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it at the second part of its resumed fifty-eighth session on the possibility of operating guided tours, bookstores and gift shops at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and the cost implications thereof.

2. The United Nations Office at Nairobi is currently undertaking a review of the location on the premises of all non-essential operations as part of ensuring compliance with the minimal operating security standards for headquarters. In the context of that review the Office will identify an appropriate site close to the perimeter fence for relocating non-essential activities, including the commercial operations. After all security-related matters are solved, the United Nations Office at Nairobi will undertake a feasibility study for operating guided tours, bookstores, gift shops and other activities on the premises aiming at promoting the image of the United Nations.

3. In view of the above, the Secretariat intends to submit the report requested in resolution 58/263 to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session.

* The timing of the issuance of this note reflects the need to coordinate with ongoing security reviews.

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